

# History of Reserve Fund Balances

The State of Idaho has four major reserve funds:

1)The Budget Stabilization Fund was created in 1984 as the Budget Reserve Fund. The purpose is to meet General Fund revenue shortfalls and to meet expenses incurred as a result of major disasters (§57-814).

2)The Idaho Millennium Fund, derived from the tobacco settlement agreement, was created in 2000. It is generally dedicated to tobacco cessation and substance abuse programs but its uses are determined by legislative appropriation (§67-1806).

3)The Public Education Stabilization Fund was created in 2003. It is continuously appropriated for the purpose of making up shortfalls in discretionary funding available per support unit. It may also be used to make up for General Fund holdbacks, make up for declining endowment distributions, and to meet state match requirements for the School District Building Account (§33-907).

4)The Economic Recovery Reserve Fund was created in 2003 for the purpose of meeting General Fund revenue shortfalls, to meet expenses incurred as the result of a major disaster, and to provide one-time tax relief (§67-3520).

Five years ago, two of the funds did not exist and the other two were depleted. The Millennium Endowment Fund, with a market value of \$50.9 million at the end of FY 2008, is not included because it is restricted as an endowment by the Idaho Constitution (section 18, Article VII).

\$ Millions					
End of FY	Budget Stabilization Fund	Traditional Millennium Fund	Public Ed Stabilization Fund	Economic Recovery Reserve Fund	TOTAL
2000	\$ 36.0	\$ 29.8			\$ 65.8
2001	\$ 53.2	\$ 48.8			\$ 102.0
2002	\$ 53.1	\$ 49.3			\$ 102.4
2003	\$ 0.0	\$ 0.0			\$ 0.0
2004	\$ 0.0	\$ 22.8	\$ 7.1		\$ 29.9
2005	\$ 16.0	\$ 44.6	\$ 12.1	\$ 22.0	\$ 94.7
2006	\$ 108.6	\$ 67.7	\$ 7.8	\$ 36.2	\$ 220.3
2007	\$ 121.6	\$ 64.4	\$ 109.0	\$ 2.7	\$ 297.7
2008	\$ 140.6	\$ 70.4	\$ 112.0	\$ 66.1	\$ 389.2

The Governor recommends drawing down the reserves in FY 2009 and FY 2010.

Jan-09	\$ 140.6	\$ 67.7	\$ 113.8	\$ 67.4	\$ 389.6
Gov Rec	(\$ 60.3)	(\$ 25.1)	(\$ 60.7)	(\$ 25.3)	(\$ 171.4)
Est. Bal.	\$ 80.3	\$ 42.6	\$ 53.1	\$ 42.1	\$ 218.1

The State of Idaho also has three other smaller emergency funds.

	Balance as of Jan-09
Governor's Emergency Fund	\$ 83,744
Disaster Emergency Fund	\$ 599,990
Emergency Relief Fund	\$ 172,914
Total other Emergency Funds	\$ 856,648